

Reforming State Government

With the recent spate of corruption at all levels of our government, it is time to strengthen the laws protecting the taxpayers. Taxpayers dollars are too valuable and hard-earned to be squandered by lining the pockets of the well-connected. Should the state:

Require each municipality to have a code of ethics?

_____ Yes _____ No

Deny health and pension benefits to those who have committed a serious ethics violation?

_____ Yes _____ No

Extend whistleblower protection to municipal employees and employees of large municipal contractors and enable them to submit information on corruption to the attorney general?

_____ Yes _____ No

Improving Our Schools

The federal “No Child Left Behind Act of 2001” mandates annual testing for children in the 3rd through 8th grades. The law requires our state to establish accountability measures for our schools and develop sanctions for those schools that fail to achieve. In holding schools accountable should:

Parents whose children attend schools “in need of improvement” be able to attend any school with space within the school district?

_____ Yes _____ No

Students be able to attend any school with space available within their school district, and the school district provide transportation?

_____ Yes _____ No

Legislation be passed to make it easier for the state to take over and run failing schools?

_____ Yes _____ No

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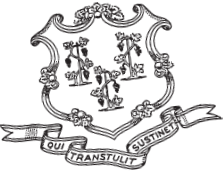


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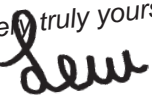


Dear Neighbor:

Thank for allowing me to continue to represent you in Hartford. I take seriously my responsibility to you and the people of Danbury to work as hard as I can to serve you as best I can. Together we are working to put Connecticut back on the right track, building a better future for all residents and families.

I will continue to focus on the issues you and your neighbors have shared with me as I have walked door-to-door over the past nine years. I will continue to advocate for responsible state spending, for Smart Growth initiatives promoting economic development, for improving our schools and expanding parental choice, for protecting Candlewood Lake and our environment, and for continued health care reform.

I will continue to work hard, but I need your help to do my job better. Please take a few minutes to complete this constituent survey. Your response will help me make informed decisions on the tough issues ahead. Please call or write me any time about these or any other issues.

Very truly yours,

Lew Wallace

Balancing the Budget

Like many other states, Connecticut faces major budget deficits, as much as \$1.2 billion over the next two years. There are a number of difficult decisions to be made in terms of providing state services (education, road repair and construction, Medicare, etc.) at a rate taxpayers can afford. The solution will be a composite of the five choices below. Please rank 1 through 5 (1 = most weight given, 5 = least weight given) how you would like to see the deficit issued.

- ☐ Raise the gasoline tax
- ☐ Hold the line on state spending and reform state agency operations
- ☐ Bond a portion of the deficit
- ☐ Raise the cigarette tax, alcohol tax and user fees
- ☐ Levy a tax surcharge on households with incomes of \$500,000 or more

Reducing Property Taxes Through Growth Management

Poorly planned development and resultant residential and commercial sprawl drains the life out urban areas, raises taxes in ring towns and suburbs and gobbles up farms and forestland in traditional rural areas. For better planning and to hold the line on property taxes should:

State economic development dollars be targeted to areas with existing infrastructure?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Municipal, regional and the state plan of conservation and development be consistent?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Each municipality post its plan of conservation and development on its website?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No



State Rep. Lew Wallace updates the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce on his progress towards establishing the Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance.



State Rep. Lew Wallace congratulates Dr. Patel for initiating the Danbury tsunami relief benefit for the Western CT Red Cross.



State Rep. Lew Wallace and Danbury Common Council member Tom Saadi meet to discuss legislation controlling pocketbikes.

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